

being unpatentable over Ando et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claims, as amended, require that a product of the transfer gate transistor(s) width and gate thickness exceed a product of the pull-down transistor(s) width and gate thickness. Support for this limitation is found in the specification at page 9, line 12 through page 10, line 8. This feature is not shown or suggested in Ando et al, nor is there any motive or incentive provided for modifying the teachings of Ando et al to achieve this claimed feature.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-5 and 13-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

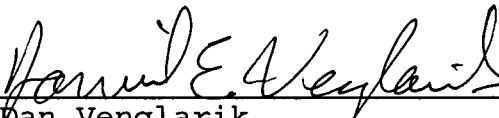
## II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over Ando et al and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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